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Frequently Asked Questions for Pharmacist Licensure By Examination

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- 1. How many pharmacy intern hours do you need to obtain in order to become licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Connecticut?
 - a. You are required to obtain 1500 pharmacy intern hours to be licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Connecticut.

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- 2. Where will you accept my 1500 pharmacy intern hours from?
 - a. Your 1500 pharmacy intern hours can come exclusively from the school in which you are/were enrolled, exclusively from an externship at a state licensed pharmacy (any state), or a combination of the two.

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- 3. How should I report the 1500 pharmacy intern hours to the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy?
 - a. The pharmacy intern hours must be reported directly to the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy by the School of Pharmacy you attend(ed) or directly from the State Board of Pharmacy where you obtained those hours.

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4. How do I apply for licensure as a pharmacist in the State of Connecticut?



a. You need to obtain the application for Pharmacist License by Examination from the State of Connecticut website at www.ct.gov/dcp. Complete the application with the appropriate information and submit it to the State of Connecticut License Services Division with the appropriate fee (found on the application).

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- 5. Where do I mail my application for Pharmacist License?
 - Department of Consumer Protection
 License Services Division
 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 110
 Hartford, CT 06106

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- 6. What forms of payment does the State of Connecticut accept for a Pharmacist License?
 - a. The State of Connecticut will accept cash, check or money order (made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut"). Do not send cash by mail. Payments by credit card are not accepted at this time.

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- 7. How long will my application for a pharmacist license in the State of Connecticut remain valid?
 - a. Your application for a pharmacist license will remain valid for one year from the date received by the Department of Consumer Protection. The pharmacist license application and the authorization to test (ATT) from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) will expire simultaneously regardless of when you apply for either.



- 8. Should I apply for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) first or for the State of Connecticut Pharmacist License first?
 - a. It is recommended that you apply for both simultaneously in order to provide you with the best opportunity to meet both licensing requirements prior to the expiration of your application.

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- 9. What examination(s) am I required to take and pass in order to obtain licensure as a pharmacist in the State of Connecticut?
 - a. You are required to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) and obtain a score of 75 or better on each examination.

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- 10. How do I register for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)?
 - a. To apply for the NAPLEX examination you should go to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) website at www.nabp.net and complete the requested information and submit it with the appropriate fee.

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- 11. How do I register for the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)?
 - a. To apply for the MPJE examination you should go to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) website at www.nabp.net and complete the requested information and submit it with the appropriate fee.



- 12.If I do not pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), how soon can I retake the examination?
 - a. You must wait 91 days prior to retaking the NAPLEX examination after each unsuccessful attempt.

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- 13. If I do not pass the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE), how soon can I retake the examination?
 - a. You must wait 31 days prior to retaking the MPJE examination after each unsuccessful attempt.

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- 14. Where can I obtain study material for the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)?
 - a. The Connecticut Comprehensive Drugs Laws and Regulations are available at www.ct.gov/dcp/drugcontrol for your review.

- 15. What is the process after I have completed the application for Licensure By Examination?
 - a. After you complete the application you will be issued an Authorization To Test (ATT) by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), which will allow you to take the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) or the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX). Your examination results will be available on the NABP website at www.NABP.net. Upon receiving passing scores on each of the examinations, your license will be issued, which generally takes up to 15 business days. The State of Connecticut will mail your license to the address that you provided to the Commission of Pharmacy. You can view the status of your license on our website,



<u>www.elicense.ct.gov</u>, throughout this process. PLEASE NOTE: Licenses cannot be expedited or picked up.

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- 16. What is the timeline for the approval of my Pharmacist License?
 - a. Upon receiving passing scores on each of the examinations, your license will be issued, which generally takes up to 15 business days. The State of Connecticut will mail your license to the address that you provided to the Commission of Pharmacy. You can view the status of your license on our website, www.elicense.ct.gov, throughout this process. PLEASE NOTE: Licenses cannot be expedited or picked up.

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- 17.Can I come to the Commission of Pharmacy to pick up my Pharmacist License?
 - a. No. All licenses will be mailed to the address in your file. Please be sure to update your file with any address changes by emailing DCP.PharmacistLicense@ct.gov within 30 days of the change.

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- 18.Can I expedite the processing of my State of Connecticut Pharmacist License by Examination?
 - a. No. Registrations will be processed on a first come first serve basis in order to be fair to all applicants. Please allow up to 15 business days for the issuance of your Pharmacist License after you have received passing scores on all examinations. Please track the status of your license on our website, <u>www.elicense.ct.gov</u>, as you will not receive your hard copy registration in the mail for 7-10 business days after it has been approved.

